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Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.

MATANZAS, CUBA, July 16, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to submit herewith the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended July 13, 1901:

Matanzas.—Twenty-three deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 26.50 per 1,000. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 5; heart disease, 2; tetanus, infantile, 2; cerebral congestion, 1; gastro-enteritis, 1; carcinoma, 1; cholera, infantile, 1; entero-colitis, 1; senility, 1; pulmonary congestion, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, traumatic, 1; Bright's disease, 1; malarial fever, 1; other causes, 4. It will be noted that for the past two weeks there has been a considerable increase in the death rate, although it does not appear to be due to the presence of any particular disease. The weather has been very warm, moist, and enervating, which probably accounts for the large number of deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis. The following cases of infectious or contagious character were reported: Typhoid fever, 1, and diphtheria, 1. Seven vessels were inspected and passed on arrival and 2 vessels were passed without inspection. Nine bills of health were issued to vessels leaving the port. The American schooner *Wave*, bound for Key West, Fla., and the Norwegian steamship *Europa*, bound for Mobile, Ala., were disinfected July 10, 1901.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that 13 deaths occurred in Cardenas during the week of the following causes: Enteritis, 2; broncho-pneumonia, 2; gastro-enteritis, 1; endocarditis, 1; meningitis, 1; heart disease, 1; tuberculosis, 1; other causes, 4. No case of infectious or contagious character was reported. The death rate during the week was 27.31 per 1,000. Eighteen vessels arrived during the week; 3 of these were inspected and passed and 15 passed without inspection. Eighteen bills of health were issued to vessels leaving the port.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that the death rate during the week was 17.04 per 1,000. Two vessels were inspected and passed and 7 vessels passed without inspection. Eleven bills of health were issued to vessels leaving the port.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Leoncio Junco reports that the sanitary condition of port and town is good. Five vessels arrived during the week and were passed without inspection. Five bills of health were issued to vessels leaving the port.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Reports from Santiago, Manzanillo, Guantnamo, and Daiquiri.*

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 6, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to submit herewith the following report for the week ended June 29, 1901:

Santiago.—There was a total of 22 deaths reported during this period, making the annual rate of mortality for the week 26.60 per 1,000. The causes of death are reported as follows: Fever, intermittent malarial, 4; purulent infection, 1; tubercle of lungs, 1; tubercle, abdominal, 1;